Recruitment on the basis of fake SC/ST certificates

t1837. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of persons belonging to the scheduled castes/scheduled tribes have got Government jobs on the basis of fake certificates;

(b) if so, the number of such cases found by Government so far;

(c) whether any charge-sheet has been filed by Government against guilty persons involved in these scams;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in this matter; and

(e) the steps to be taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Verification reports received by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have revealed that 91 individuals have secured employment in Central Government Departments/Ministries and in Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi on the basis of fake Scheduled Tribe certificates.

(c) and (d) CBI has registered 27 regular cases against 45 employees of different Departments in this regard. In the remaining cases, the Ministries/Departments concerned have been advised to register criminal cases with the local police and also initiate departmental proceedings for their removal from service. In 14 instances, action has been stayed by concerned High Courts.

On completion of investigation, CBI has filed charge sheets in 9 regular cases against 19 employees of different Ministries Departments/ Government of NCT, Delhi in the court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) This Department has issued necessary instruction vide O.M. 36011/3/2005-Estt. (Res.) dated 9th September 2005 to all the Ministries/ Departments etc. of the Government of India requiring them, *inter-alia,* to verify the caste status of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes at the time of initial appointment/promotion.

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